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In re Application of:

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Title: METHOD FOR ASSIGNING
UNIQUE IDENTIFIERS IN A
DISTRIBUTED FAULT TOLERANT
APPLICATION

) Group Art Unit: N/A

) Examiner: N/A

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND PRIORITY CLAIM

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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In the Specification:

On page 1, line 4 (Before "Field of the Invention"), please add:

This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application Serial No. 60/329,058, filed October 12, 2001, entitled "METHOD FOR ASSIGNING UNIQUE IDENTIFIERS IN A DISTRIBUTED FAULT TOLERANT APPLICATION," which is hereby incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.

REMARKS

Please be advised that the present application is related to U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/329,058, filed October 12, 2001. Applicants hereby claim the benefit of this earlier application under 35 U.S.C. §119, and make the above amendment to the Specification to include appropriate language specifically referring to the earlier filed application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment to deposit account No. 12-2475.

Respectfully submitted,

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